



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6708

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL CASES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The Chief Court
2 Administrator may establish in any court location a docket separate
3 from other criminal matters for the hearing of criminal matters in
4 which a defendant has returned from service with the armed forces, as
5 defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes. The docket shall be
6 available to defendants who, as a result of such service, could benefit
7 from placement in a substance abuse treatment program or other
8 program that provides mental health services.

9 (b) The Chief Court Administrator may establish, within available
10 appropriations, one or more courts for the hearing of criminal matters
11 in which a defendant has returned from service with the armed forces,
12 as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who, as a result of
13 such service, could benefit from placement in a substance abuse
14 treatment program or other program that provides mental health
15 services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section
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